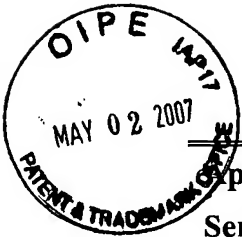


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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on February 26, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on May 26, 2007. It is respectfully submitted that this reply is timely filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of the final Office Action. If any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

It is believed that no other fee(s) are required in filing this Response (fees for adding new claim 25 are discussed below). However, if any other fee(s) are required, please charge all of the appropriate fee(s) to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.